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I am a so-called 99er. One of the long term unemployed people that have exhausted all of their unemployment benefits. I have been working in the same industry since 1973. Yes, I have been unemployed in the past. Each time it has taken 2-4 months to find work. Always successful. This time it is different.

I began my unemployment this time in October of 2007. My company moved back East, and I was unable to move. I have applied consistently EVERY WEEK since being unemployed except for the last few weeks. A few interviews came at the beginning, then absolutely nothing. I never gave up. Always networking and applying. If you wish I can provide a spreadsheet of employers that have my resume. There are approximately 600 employers on the spreadsheet. That does NOT include about 100 prospective recruiters and employers who contacted me through email asking about my resume that has been posted on various websites. Nor does it include jobs I have applied for that are NOT in my profession. Total job contacts are approximately 750.

Again, I have been in my industry for about 37 years. And this is the first time that this has happened.

Don't exclude the 99ers from unemployment benefits. They are not slouches. They DO NOT want to live forever on unemployment benefits. They are hard working individuals that have been caught in a recession. They deserve better.

Even better than getting an unemployment benefit extension.... Offer me a job and see how I respond.

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